

USAID's investments in global health protect Americans at home and abroad, save lives, strengthen fragile states, and promote social and economic progress.



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When women thrive, so do their families and communities

When mothers have access to basic health care for both themselves and their families, and are empowered to make healthy choices, the well-being of the entire community follows. USAID is committed to increasing access to quality care for women and their families.



Educating communities about health services

USAID trains health workers to educate communities about the importance of practicing healthy behaviors and accessing health care services.



Encouraging healthy behaviors during pregnancy

USAID trains health workers to teach healthy behaviors, like eating nutritious foods, taking vitamins and attending antenatal care during pregnancy. Health workers also instruct about warning signs during pregnancy and what to expect during delivery.

Preventing and combating deadly diseases

Infectious diseases are particularly dangerous for women during pregnancy. USAID provides access to testing, counseling and treatment for diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and Zika.

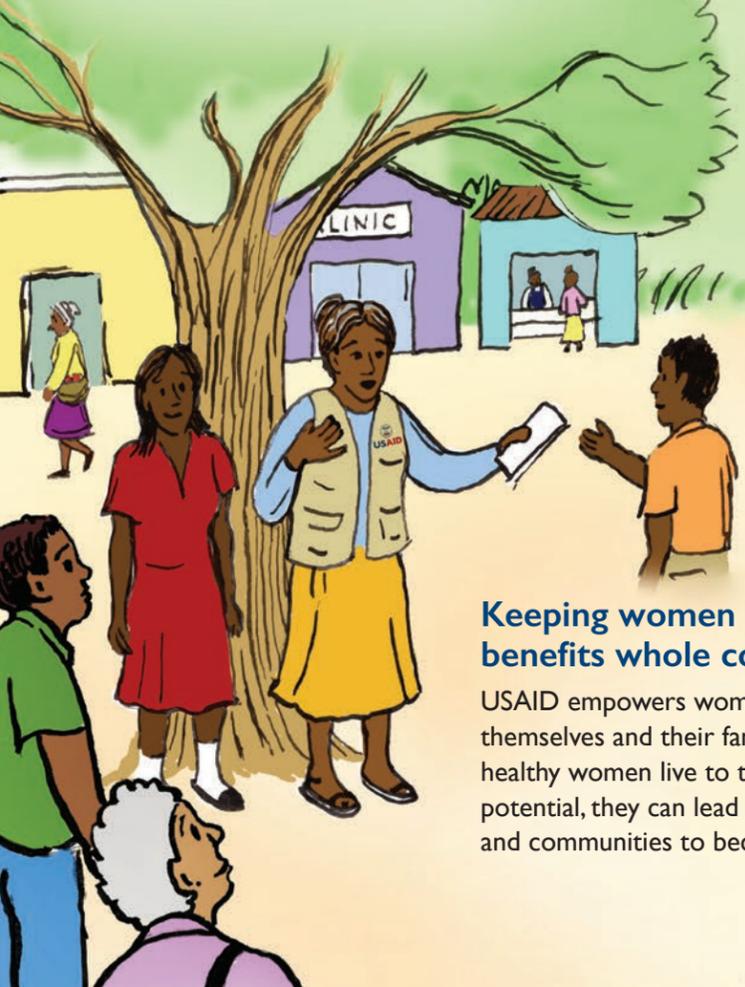


Delivering in the care of a skilled attendant

USAID helps women deliver at an equipped facility with a skilled birth attendant. Attendants help watch for danger signs and can prevent complications and respond to emergencies during delivery.

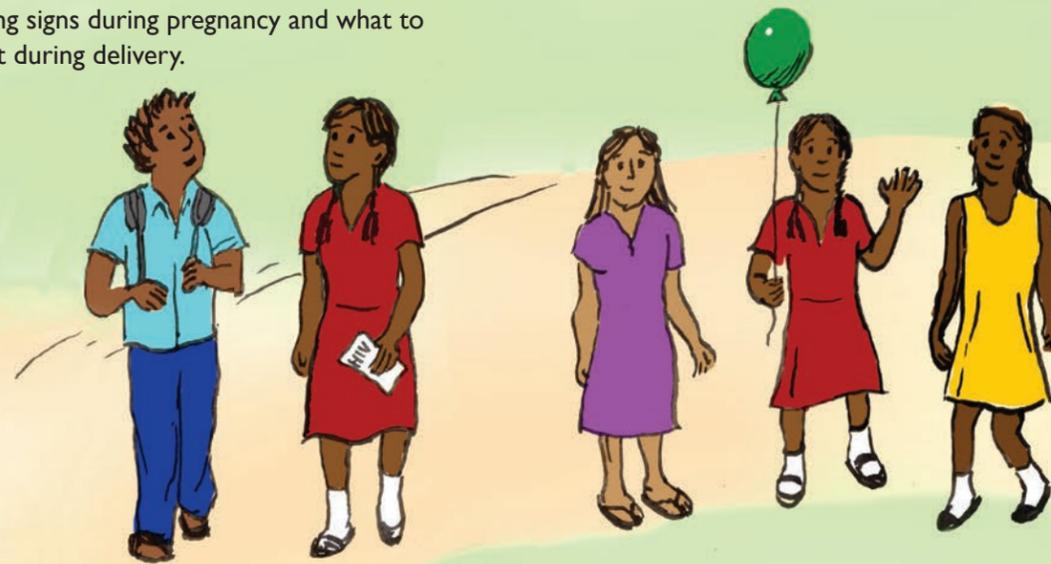
Caring for newborns during the critical first 24 hours

Once a baby is born, an attendant applies an antiseptic, developed with USAID support, on its umbilical cord to prevent infection. The mother learns about breastfeeding, hygiene and choosing a voluntary family planning method to space future pregnancies.



Keeping women healthy benefits whole communities

USAID empowers women to care for themselves and their families. When healthy women live to their full potential, they can lead their families and communities to become self-reliant.



Staying healthy into adulthood

USAID provides education to help families stay healthy, including information on voluntary family planning for healthy timing and spacing of pregnancies and treatments that prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and infectious disease.

Celebrating her 5th birthday

Once children reach 5 years old, they have cleared a major hurdle and are much less likely to succumb to a preventable disease.

Preventing illness and saving the lives of children

USAID provides vaccinations to prevent childhood diseases like measles, polio and hepatitis. We train health workers to diagnose and treat common illnesses like diarrhea, pneumonia and malaria, and promote healthy nutrition behaviors.



We save and improve lives.
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What we do

By partnering with governments to meet the health needs of their populations, we are having an immediate impact now, in the form of improved health, and in the future by empowering governments to take accountability for and lead their health systems. Our impact includes:

Since 2000, USAID has contributed to saving the lives of over 40 million children and 1.9 million women.

- Helped 8.7 million women give birth in a facility and treated 77.1 million children for pneumonia and diarrhea since 2012
- Reduced stunting in priority countries from 40% to 33.5% over 8 years
- Enabled an additional 81 million women to voluntarily use a modern method of contraception since 2000
- Helped prevent more than 1 billion cases of malaria since 2000, primarily among young children and pregnant women

Since 2014, more than 10,000 women were trained in the skills and competencies needed to prevent, detect and respond to emerging pandemic threats.

- Supported over 2 billion treatments for neglected tropical diseases since 2006
- Decreased mortality from tuberculosis by 39% since 2000

From 2004 to 2017, USAID, through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), has supported more than 14 million men, women and children on HIV treatment globally.

Where we work

